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TAGS: CASC

SUBJ: W/W: EDMOND KUBEIN (AKA QUBAIN) AND MICHAEL KEMAK

REF: AM AMMAN 0982, B. DAMASCUS 0982

1. CONGEN HAS REQUESTED TURKISH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AT MOST LIKELY CROSSING POINTS ON GREEK-TURKISH AND BULGARIAN TURKISH BORDERS TO INTERCEPT EDMOND AND MICHAEL FOR CONSULTATION WITH CONGEN. FYI: BASED ON EXPERIENCE, PROBABILITY OF INTERCEPT IS NOT HIGH, EVEN THOUGH CURRENT WEATHER IN TURKEY MAY SLOW SUBJECTS' TRAVEL. HOWEVER, WE WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO MAKE CONTACT.

2. IF BOYS ARE STOPPED AT BORDER WE HOPE AS COURTESY TURKISH AUTHORITIES MAY HOLD THEM BRIEFLY TO PERMIT CONSULAR OFFICER TO TALK WITH THEM EVEN THOUGH UNDER TURKISH LAW THEIR POSSESSION OF VALID PASSPORTS IS CONSIDERED PARENTAL CONSENT TO TRAVEL FREELY DESPITE FACT BOYS ARE MINORS. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL HOLD THEM FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD IN ABSENCE OF VIOLATION OF TURKISH LAWS OR ORDER FROM TURKISH ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES.

3. IF INTERCEPT MADE, CONGEN'S PROPOSED COURSE IT (A) ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN SUBJECTS' PLANS, FINANCIAL SITUATION, AND GENERAL WELFARE; AND (B) ATTEMPT PERSUADE THEM RETURN HOME.

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4. IF THIS NOT SUCCESSFUL, ARE PARENTS WILLING TO TRAVEL  
ISTANBUL TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THEIR SONS?

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